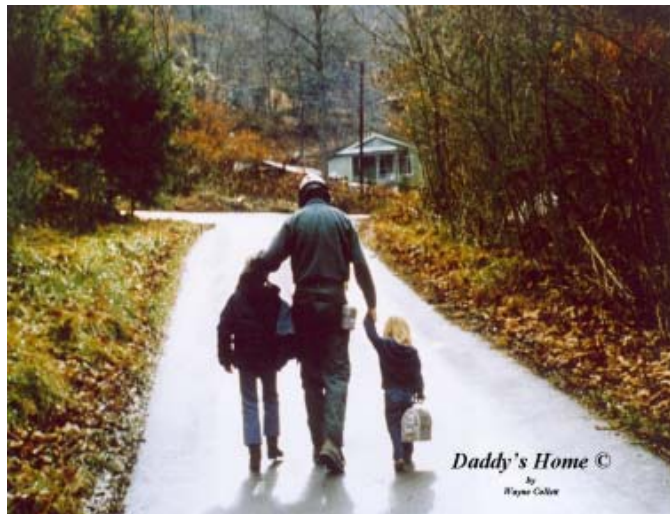


OFFICE OF MINE SAFETY AND LICENSING



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July-September 2007





Franklin J. Reed, Director
Division of Safety Analysis Training and Certification

The mining industry is continually experiencing change. Miners are now required to have additional training due to new regulations. Technology has increased significantly, therefore mining equipment is becoming considerably larger and a lot of manually operated equipment has been replaced by remote control methods. Baby boomers are now retiring from the work force and are being replaced by a new generation of miners. In order to keep up with these changes and to prevent accidents and fatalities to Kentucky miners, the Safety Analysis Training and Certification Division has been proactive in implementing updated and enhanced training curriculums.

The Office of Mine Safety and Licensing's underground mine foreman program has been totally restructured. This program utilizes updated and pertinent information related to modern mining techniques that will benefit potential candidates desiring to obtain mine foreman certification. This program is available on the OMSL web page at:

<http://www.omsf.ky.gov/trainingeducationcert/>

The new regulation for belt examiners certification became effective in August of 2007. A curriculum has been developed and the program has been distributed to all instructors in the district offices.

The 40 hour underground new miner and the solid blasting training courses have also been improved. This training is now more inclusive and places additional focus on issues that miners face each and every day.

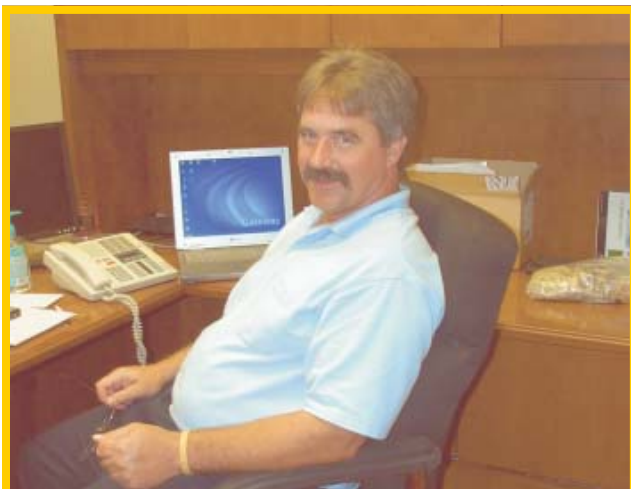
There has been a concerted effort by the mine safety analyst to intensify the F.A.C.E. (Foreman's Advanced Continuing Education) training. This program allows the mine safety analyst to work one on one with the foreman, teaching, training and assisting him in areas where he may be deficient. A properly trained foreman will in turn create a safer working environment. The foreman sets the example for those under his jurisdiction and is a key factor in preventing accidents and fatalities.

We are currently looking at ways to enhance other safety programs within our division. Proper training is integral to preventing mine accidents and fatalities. If you have any comments or suggestions on ways that we can improve our training program, please contact us with your ideas. It is our goal at the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing to see that the miners in Kentucky are the safest and most productive miners in the nation.

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WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!



CHARLES WEAKLEY, NETWORK ANALYST III

Hello, my name is Charles Weakley. I started with the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing at the Frankfort office on August 16, 2007 as the Network Analyst III. I am a native of Shelby County, Kentucky where I grew up on a farm with two older brothers. I attended Kentucky State University where I earned a degree in Electronics and a degree in Computer Science. My career with state government started in 1999 when I accepted a job with the Kentucky State Police. I have worked with several cabinets since then and hope the knowledge and experience I have gained will help me to serve this office well.

Danny Ray Smith, Mine Inspector I, Pikeville

July 16, 2007

Richard A. Gibbs, Mine Safety Analyst I (Surface), Pikeville, July 16, 2007

Terry Hamilton, Mine Inspector I, Pikeville

July 16, 2007

Eddie Paige, Mine Inspector I, Martin

August 1, 2007

Marsha Knuckles, Administrative Specialist II, Harlan

August 1, 2007

Heath Holbrook, Mine Inspector I, Harlan

August 16, 2007

Ronald Fisher, Mine Safety Analyst I, Harlan

August 16, 2007

Danny Hurt, Mine Safety Instructor, Martin

September 1, 2007

Dean Bush, Mine Safety Analyst I, Barbourville

September 1, 2007

39th Kentucky State Mine Rescue, MET, Bench, and Pre-Shift Contest

August 14-16, 2007

OUR KENTUCKY TEAMS!!



Bluegrass Mine Rescue Team



Highland # 9 Mine Rescue Team



Warrior Coal Mine Rescue Team



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James River Coal Mine Rescue Team

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Consol of KY Mine Rescue Team



Massey Energy Mine Rescue Team



TECO-Blue Mine Rescue Team



TECO-Gray Mine Rescue Team



TECO Coal, Gray Team won 1st Place in the MET contest. (David Wilder, Earnie Miller, Garland Deaton)



Cumberland Coal Resources, Cumberland Team won 1st Place in the Mine Rescue contest. (Captain Bob Drzazgowski)

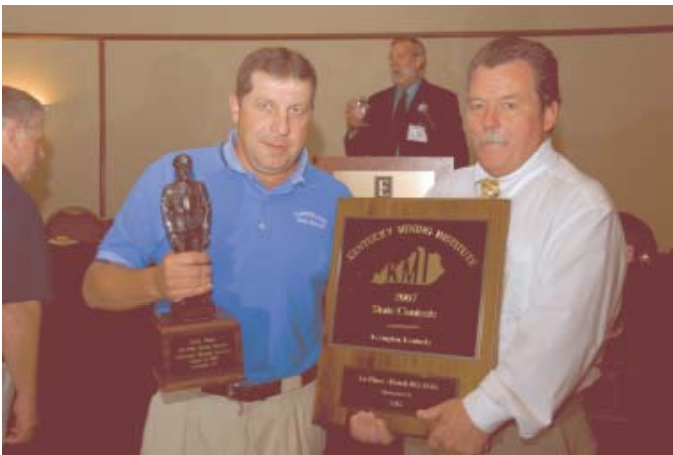


Cumberland Coal Resources Mine Rescue Team

1st Place Mine Rescue, 1st Place Bench BG-174A,



Scott Milligan (left) with Highland Mining Company, Highland #9 Team, won 1st Place in the Bench Bio-Pak 240-S contest.



Rob Hutchison (left) of Cumberland Coal Resources, Cumberland Team, won 1st Place in the Bench BG-174A contest.



Bert Matheney (left) of Eastern Associated Coal, Federal No. 2 Team, won 1st Place in the Bench BG-4 contest



Jeff Clark (center) of KenAmerican Resources won 1st Place in the Pre-Shift contest.



Peabody Midwest Group, Bluegrass Mine Rescue Team won the In-State Traveling Trophy.





Fatalities and Serious Accidents

January 1, 2007—October 1, 2007

- Serious—01-29-07 - Lester Cantrell - Apex Energy Inc - Machinery
- Serious—02-02-07 - Gary Roberts - Blue Diamond Coal Co - Fall of Roof
- Serious—02-03-07 - Christopher Kelly - Lone Mountain Proc - Machinery
- **Fatality**—03-12-07 - Charles I Griffith - Double E Augering Inc - Machinery
- Serious—05-23-07 - Daniel Smith - Blue Diamond Coal Co - Fall of Roof
- Serious—05-28-07 - Ora Murphy - Sidney Coal Co. Inc. - Electrical
- **Fatality**—07-16-07 - Bobbie L. Messer - CAM Mining LLC - Struck by Fly Rock

To view a full report go to

<http://www.omsl.ky.gov/investigations/>





To view
OMSL Disciplinary Cases before the
Kentucky Mine Safety Review Commission
go to
<http://www.omsl.ky.gov/>

According to KRS 351.025 (6), the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing will establish procedures to distribute quarterly reports to every licensed entity describing mine fatalities, serious mine accidents, and penalties imposed on certified and non-certified personnel and licensed premises and to require the report to be distributed to every certified working miner employed by the licensed entity, posted at work sites, and reviewed at regular mine safety meetings.